

Local Government Grant Update

State Grants Management Section Office of Community Development



State Grants Management Section to Partner with LMA to Offer Grant Writing Seminars



The State Grants Management Section (SGMS), in partnership with the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), will offer a three-part series of in-depth grant writing and preparation trainings designed specifically for local governments, beginning on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

Participants will be offered a detailed, hands-on opportunity to learn and exchange ideas and practices to strengthen their grant-writing skills. These workshops are suitable for beginning grant writers as well as those with some experience. **Priority will be given to LMA members;** however, spots may be available for non-profit organizations interested in collaborations with municipalities.

The State Grants Management Section will lead the training component of this series. Through hands-on, practical exercises and panels of knowledgeable municipal grant administrators, training participants will learn how to conduct a needs assessment, develop a program, design evaluations and budgets, and ensure compliance.

Training Topics and Dates

Part 1: Conducting a Needs Assessment and Community Collaboration, September 28, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m., First Floor Meeting Rooms, LMA Office Building, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge. The first training series will focus on the development of collaborative partnerships between municipalities and other public or private non-profit organizations.

Part 2: Grant Research; Writing Abstracts and Goals and Objectives, October 17, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m., Claiborne State Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge. The second training series will focus on grant research and grant resources found on the Internet. Each participant will have a computer terminal and will be able to use web search tools to identify potential sources of funds, targeting searches by understanding the basic funding missions and programs of federal and state agencies. This session will also give detailed examples and practice in developing measurable goals and objectives.

Part 3: Grant Budgets, Evaluation, and Fiscal Administration, November 9, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m., First Floor Meeting Rooms, LMA Office Building, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge. The third training series will focus on creating budgets for grant proposals that clearly reflect the proposed program expenses. Presenters will include the development of effective mechanisms for program evaluation and how to properly manage a grant-funded program, expend funds, and report program activities and expenditures.

The workshops are free of charge, and a catered lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Participants may attend individual workshops or the entire series. The deadline for registration is one week prior to each workshop.

Registration Details: To register for one, two, or all three of the LMA/SGMS grant training series, go to http://www.lamunis.org/email_regform.htm. Prospective participants without internet/email access may fill out the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter and return it to the LMA office by FAX or mail.

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Save the Dates

Regional Conferences

- August 15-16, Pineville
- September 15-16, Houma
- October 6-7, New Orleans
- November 7-8, Baton Rouge
- Call (225) 342-7412 to register

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The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is offering **Interpreting America's Historic Places: Planning**

Grants. The purpose of this grant is to develop in detail the content and interpretive approach of projects prior to implementation. The "place" to be interpreted might be a single historic site, a series of sites, an entire neighborhood, a community or town, or a larger geographical region. This grant is due on **September 16, 2005**. There is no match requirement. For more information, please contact NEH's Division of Public Programs at (202) 606-8269 or via email at publicgms@neh.gov. Applications can be downloaded online.



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ning grants are used to refine the content and interpretive approach of projects prior

to implementation. Applicants should have already identified the appropriate humanities content of their projects and consulted with scholars and programming advisors. The due date for both grants is **September 16, 2005**. There is a match requirement for both. For more information, please contact NEH's Division of Public Programs at (202) 606-8269 or via email at publicgms@neh.gov. Applications can be downloaded online.



The Department of Education is offering **Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for**

Children with Disabilities--National Technical Assistance Center on Assessment for Children with Disabilities.

The purpose of this grant is to promote academic achievement and improve results for children with disabilities by supporting technical assistance, model demonstration projects, dissemination of useful information, and implementation activities that are supported by scientifically based research. The due date is **September 7, 2005**. There is no match requirement for this grant. For more information, please contact David Egnor at (202) 245-7334 or visit <http://www.ed.gov/> to download the application.



The Department of Education is offering **Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Grant.** The purpose of this grant is to provide

financial assistance for (1) projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Assistant Secretary; (2) projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as

identified by the Assistant Secretary; and (3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The due date for this application is **September 19, 2005**. There is a match. For more information, please contact Marilyn P. Fountain at (202) 245-7346 or by mail: Marilyn.Fountain@ed.gov.



The Department of Education is offering **Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind.**

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to eligible entities to establish interpreter training programs or to assist ongoing training programs to train a sufficient number of qualified interpreters in order to meet the communications needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and individuals who are deaf-blind. The due date is **September 2, 2005** and there is no match. For more information, contact Annette Reichman (202) 245-7489 or by e-mail: Annette.Reichman@ed.gov.



HUD has also reopened the competitions for grants under the **Section 111 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities** and **Section 202**

Supportive Housing for the Elderly. Winning applicants served by the New Orleans Hub can receive capital advances and contracts for project rental assistance that is used for the construction or rehabilitation of a structure to be developed into housing for the elderly or for those with disabilities. More information is available at <https://apply.grants.gov/forms/apps/idx.html>. The deadline is **September 6th, 2005**.

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The Department of Labor is offering the **Mine Health and Safety Grants**. The application is due no later than **August 31, 2006**. The estimated

total program funding is \$7,973,000.00. Mine Health and Safety Grants will assist states in providing health and safety training and developing programs to improve mine health and safety conditions in the nation's mines. Eligible applicants are state governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized). If you have any questions, please contact Linda Davis at 303-231-5851 or email at Davis_Linda@MSHA.gov.



The purpose of the **HOPE VI Main Street** program is to provide grants to small communities to assist in the rehabilitation and new construction of affordable

housing in conjunction with an existing program to revitalize a historic or traditional central business district or "Main Street" area. The objectives of the program are to 1) redevelop Main Street areas; 2) preserve historic or traditional architecture or design features in Main Street areas; 3) enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and 4) provide affordable housing in Main Street areas. The deadline is **September 2, 2005**. For more information, contact Barbara Dorf at (202) 708-0667.



The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is offering **Planning and Consultation Grants for Museums**. Planning grants

are used to refine the content and interpretive approach of projects prior to implementation. Applicants should have already identified the appropriate humanities content of their projects and consulted with scholars and programming advisors. Consultation grants help museums develop a new public humanities project or chart a new interpretive direction of an existing program. They support the costs of conferring with a team of advisors to help identify key humanities themes and questions during the early stages of a project's development. The due date for both grants is **September 16, 2005**. There is a match requirement for the planning grants but not for the consultation grants. For more information, please contact NEH's Division of Public Programs at (202) 606-8269 or via email at publicgms@neh.gov. Applications can be downloaded online.



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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced competition for the **NIDDK Education Program Grants** through the National Institute of Diabetes and

digestive and kidney diseases (NIDDK). Up to \$100,000 is available for curriculum-centered projects to attract undergraduate and graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to careers in areas of biomedical or behavioral research of interest to NIDDK and to foster career development. There are multiple due dates. The link to the full announcement is <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-148.html>.



Make note of the **First Responder Institute -- The GSK/TUMS-First Responder Institute Challenge Grant Program**. The First Re-

sponder Institute, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to support U. S. fire departments and emergency service personnel. The GSK/TUMS-First Responder Institute Challenge Grant Program is a grant-in-aid program that allows needy fire departments to purchase special pieces of equipment, primarily fire-fighting equipment. Fire departments are the intended recipients, but any not-for-profit entity, including but not limited to organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation, may apply. The primary goal of the program is to aid rural (small) departments that do not have a tax base for support. This does not mean that larger municipalities will not be considered, but smaller departments have precedence. A maximum of \$2,500 per department and one application per year will be considered. The requesting department must certify that they have an equal amount of cash to match the award. All applications are submitted electronically via the Web site. The email address for more information is info@firstresponder.org. The web-site is http://www.firstresponder.org/grant_details.htm. The online application can be found at <http://www.firstresponder.org/apply.htm>.

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The State Grants Management Section was established within the Office of Community Development as a new initiative of Governor Blanco. The State Grants Management Section seeks to increase the awareness of the availability of federal and private funds, reduce the duplication of effort among state agencies, and to build capacity throughout Louisiana regarding grant research and grant writing. The State Grants Management Section staff is available to conduct grant research and provide assistance with grant writing to state agencies, local governments and nonprofits. The staff will work closely with state agency officials to identify funding opportunities regarding agency priorities. Also, the State Grants Management Section will collect data regarding federal funding awarded in Louisiana.

**We Can Help! Let us help you find federal and private funding.
SGMS: Prospect Research and Grant Writing Services**



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